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Washington, DC -- Acting Inspector General Mary Kendall told the House Committee on Natural Resources that her agency documented "programmatic weaknesses and egregious misconduct" at the Minerals and Management Services' Lake Charles District Office in Lousiana. "While I neither condone nor excuse the behavior chronicled in this, our most recent report on MMS – gift-acceptance, fraternizing with industry, pornography and otherinappropriate materials on government computers, and lax handling of inspection forms – I am more concerned," Kendall testified, "about the environment in which these inspectors operate, and the ease with which they move between industry and government."

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